

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 436

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ralph Brown of
Williamson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ralph Brown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a former coach and a longtime supporter of Battle Ground Academy (BGA) athletics, Mr. Brown graduated from BGA in 1949 and is considered by many to be a legend at the school; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Ralph Brown coached the BGA Wildcat football team to a state championship with a perfect 11-0 record; in 1992, he was inducted into the BGA Sports Hall of Fame, and he was added to the school's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a show of BGA's deep appreciation of Ralph Brown's many contributions to the school over the years, the football stadium, which opened in 1997, was christened the Guffee-Brown Stadium, honoring both Mr. Brown and Williamson County doctor Harry Guffee; and

WHEREAS, committed to being an active member of his community, Mr. Brown was a longtime member of Franklin Noon Rotary Club and the Nashville Downtown Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Brown was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents, Frances Wynn and Samuel Ralph Brown, Sr.; his wife, Helen O'Neal Brown; and a son, Michael Ralph Brown; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by son William O. "Wink" (Kiki) Brown and numerous nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly as they mourn his passing; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Brown leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ralph Brown, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Brown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.